CHAPTER 463

BOXING AND WRESTLING

463.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter, "commission means any boxing and wrestling commission created under this chapter.

463.020 Registration of boxers and wrestlers; persons subject to regulations.

(1) Every male person desiring to participate in a boxing competition shall register with the secretary of the commission and shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the commissions.

(2) All professional wrestlers, wrestling managers and seconds shall come under the jurisdiction and be subject to the rules and regulations of each commission and be controlled by this chapter the same as others named in this chapter.

463.030 Prize fights to be authorized; certain exhibition bouts excepted; bouts prohibited on certain days.

(1) No boxing competition shall be held without the consent or beyond the jurisdiction of a boxing commission and such competition, if held, shall be deemed prima facie prize fights.

(2) However, this chapter does not apply to nor interfere with boxing exhibitions where said exhibitions are held under the auspices and for the benefit of a recognized fraternal organization, authorized to transact business in this state and which may desire to include such exhibitions as a part of the program for the entertainment of their members. Such exhibitions shall not exceed in duration three rounds of three minutes each and no decision shall be given by the referee.

(3) No person shall hold any boxing match or boxing exhibition on Decoration Day, Veterans Day or Sunday.

463.040 Length of bouts.

(1) Each bout of a boxing competition within the meaning of this chapter shall consist of not more than 10 three-minute rounds with a minute intermission between each round.

(2) At the discretion of the commission, competitors engaging in preliminary bouts of such competition may be limited to competitions of not more than six three-minute rounds with a one-minute intermission between each round.

(3) In the event of bouts involving either state or national championships, the commission may grant an extension of no more than five additional rounds.

463.050 Weight of competitors and gloves.

(1) The weight of each competitor is to be determined under the supervision of the commission, or an authorized representative thereof, not more than 24 hours before the date of the competition.

(2) No lighter than six-ounce boxing gloves of standard specifications shall be used in boxing competitions where the weight of each competitor does not exceed 135 pounds. No lighter than eight-ounce gloves of standard specifications shall be used in competitions where the weight of each competitor exceeds 135 pounds.

463.060 Examination of competitors; fight permits. The physician member of a commission shall certify in writing to the commission not less than six hours before the time of the competition that the applying competitor is physically fit to participate in a given boxing competition. Upon the filing of the physical certificate and the registration, each applying competitor shall be provided by the secretary of the commission with a written permit to participate in the competition. The permit shall be valid for one competition only.

463.070 to 463.100 (Reserved for expansion)

463.110 Boxing and wrestling commissions; creation; tenure; compensation.

(1) There are created boxing and wrestling commissions. A commission shall be created by the mayor and council of the city or town where the commission is to have control and jurisdiction, upon application by a written petition signed by not less than 50 taxpayers or citizens of such city or town.

(2) A commission shall be appointed by the mayor and council and shall consist of not more than five nor less than three citizens of said city or town whose terms of office shall be for one year from the date of their appointment, or until their successors shall be appointed.

(3) The commissioners shall serve without salary or compensation and shall be subject to removal from office at any time during their tenure for such reason as the mayor and council may deem good and sufficient.

(4) At least one member of the commission shall be a reputable licensed practicing physician.

463.120 Jurisdiction, powers, duties and functions of commissions.

(1) The commissions shall have jurisdiction over all boxing and wrestling competitions within the county in which they are located. However, where two or more commissions exist within one county, the commission nearest to the point of the proposed competition shall have jurisdiction.

(2) The commissions shall have general supervision and control over all matters pertaining to boxing competitions within their respective jurisdictions and power to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(3) The commissions may:

(a) At all times make rules and regulations not in conflict with this chapter under which all boxing competitions shall be conducted.

(b) License referees, managers, boxers and seconds and collect such fees as they deem just and reasonable.

(c) Hold boxing competitions at such times and places as they deem right and proper.

463.130 Wrestling competitions; females barred; licensing; fees.

(1) The commissions may license referees, professional wrestlers, the managers of wrestlers and seconds, and collect such fees as they deem just and reasonable. Wrestling competitions shall be held only under license of the commission. No person other than a person of the male sex shall participate in or be licensed to participate in any wrestling competition or wrestling exhibition.

(2) The commission shall collect a fee of six percent from the gross receipts of each competition. The secretary shall check the gross receipts and collect the six percent fee after each wrestling competition. (Amended by 1955 c.426 Sec. 1)

463.140 Appointment of matchmakers and officials for the competition; persons who may not have interest in outcome of bouts.

(1) The commission shall appoint one or more competent matchmakers who shall arrange boxing competitions. A matchmaker shall be compensated for his services by the commission with such compensation as the commission deems reasonable.

(2) Each commission may appoint officials or referees to have sole jurisdiction over each competition for its duration and who shall render final decisions in all bouts.

(3) No referee or member of a commission shall manage any competitor or make wagers upon the outcome of any competition, such act being good and sufficient reason for immediate removal of the referee or member.

463.150 Secretary; appointment and removal; term; duties and functions; salary.

(1) Each commission may appoint, and for cause remove, a secretary to the commission. The secretary shall hold office for one year, unless sooner removed for cause by the commission.

(2) The secretary:

(a) Shall keep a thorough and full record of all proceedings of the commission.

(b) Shall preserve at the commission's general offices all its books, documents and papers.

(c) Shall prepare for service such notices and other papers as may be required and determined by the commission and perform such other duties as the commission may prescribe.

(d) May, under the direction of the commission, issue subpenas for the attendance of witnesses before the commission with the same effect as if they were issued in an action in the circuit court of this state for the county in which they may be issued and may, under direction of the commission, administer oaths in all matters pertaining to the duties of his office, or connected with the administration of the affairs of the commission. Disobedience of such subpenas and false swearing before such secretary shall be attended by the same consequences and be subject to the same penalties as if such disobedience or false swearing occurred in an action in said circuit court.

(3) The secretary of the commission shall be entitled to receive an annual salary of not less than $100 per year, and not to exceed $3,000 per year, all within the discretion of the commission.

463.160 Advisory board to the boxing commissions. The Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General shall act as a state advisory board when questions involving the commissions arise. The city attorneys of the respective cities or towns shall have the sole power to present to the advisory board such questions as they may deem necessary for the consideration of the said board, which shall have the sole discretion in passing on such questions.

463.170 Use of receipts from boxing or wrestling matches. All net receipts from each competition shall automatically create a civic emergency fund of which the treasurer of the city or town where the commission has the control and jurisdiction shall be the sole custodian and which shall be distributed by the mayor or council for charitable purposes; provided, that not less than 60 percent of such receipts shall be distributed among nationally recognized veterans' organizations, in proportion to their membership in good standing. However, no moneys shall be paid into the civic emergency fund until a general sinking fund, in such amount as is deemed adequate, has been established in the name of the commission from which necessary expenses shall be paid by its secretary or treasurer. The general sinking fund shall at all times be maintained before any moneys are paid into the civic emergency fund.

463.180 Expenditures; reimbursement of competitors.

(1) The commission shall pay from the sinking fund provided in ORS 463.170 such expenses as telegraph and telephone tolls, stamps, newspaper and general advertising and such other expenses as it deems necessary.

(2) Each duly certified and registered competitor shall be compensated for transportation, training and in such other ways as the commission deems fair and proper.

463.190 Organizations exempted from operation of statute. This chapter does not apply to, nor interfere with, any boxing or wrestling tournament given under the sanction or auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States or any of its auxiliary organizations in which any registered members of that union or organizations participate.